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(c) The acquisition of T-90 Tanks does not in any way affect the indigenous production of MBT Arjun.

Non-Testing of missiles imported during 1996

2739. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that missiles imported during 1996 were not tested for their accuracy and effectiveness for two years and in the meantime the warranty period expired causing loss of Rs. 3.41 crore to the State;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been enquired into for such an apathy of not only causing financial loss to the State but also affecting the defence preparedness; and

(c) the action Government has taken or propose to take to bring in discipline in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) Missiles were shipped to India in August 1996 from the supplier. These were tested within the warranty period. For defective supplies replacements were provided. No financial loss has occurred in this regard.

Land acquisition for INS Kattabomman

2740. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families whose lands have been acquired for setting up of INS Kattabomman in Thirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of families who have been provided employment so far;

(c) the number of families who have not been provided employment so far; and

(d) by when the wards of such families will be provided job?